

SHORT STORIES

In Modern Lore.

Took Judge for a Bunco Man.

A cautious American travelling from Paris to Nice found a stranger in the compartment in which he had secured a berth, says the Youth's Companion.

"Are you Mr.—?" said the stranger.

The American in surprise answered affirmatively.

"Ha!" said the stranger "I inquired at the booking office who was to be my travelling companion."

The American realized that this was no ordinary man, and soon found himself nearly hypnotized by the stranger's commanding eye.

When the man proposed cards, the American suspected that he was a professional gambler. He made many excuses, finally saying that he cared for none of the games which his companion suggested.

"All right," was the discomfiting reply, "we'll play anything you like."

When the American mentioned an obscure French game, which he hoped the other would not know, and found his suggestion taken up eagerly, he was more than ever suspicious.

"But," asked the American, "do you know how to play it?"

"No," was the reply, "but you can teach me."

The American now had little doubt that the man was a card expert, looking for a victim, but as no suggestion of high stakes was made he concluded to venture, and after some hours' playing had seen nothing on the part of his fellow passenger that looked like cheating.

But when next morning his companion suggested that they play again to while away the time, the American grew suspicious again, and pleaded headache.

When they entered the station at Nice the man handed the American his card. It bore the name of Lord Russell, of Kilowen, Lord Chief Justice of England.

"One Good Turn" Etc.

In French theatres the doctor of the theatre has a seat given him for every performance, says the London Quill. He must be there each evening. Naturally, after he has seen the same piece a score of times, he longs to be elsewhere, and prefers to give his seat to some of his friends. A well-known writer, Mr. B—, says that when he was a young man a friend, the doctor of a certain theatre, gave him his seat. Just as he was becoming interested in the first act the manager rushed up—the heroine had a nervous attack and required medical aid.

B—had nothing else to do but follow him. In the lady's dressing room he found the manager with anguish depicted on every feature and the lady wringing her hands and shrieking.

"Now, doctor, quick! what's to be done?"

B—grew as red as a lobster, and as he could not say anything he just ejaculated "H'm. Let us see; let us see!"

He took the lady's hand in a wild attempt to feel her pulse. She shrieked more than ever and writhed like a snake.

"Have you poured any water on her head?" he asked.

"Yes."

"And no effect?"

"None."

"Then give her a sniff of eau de cologne."

"Haven't any," was the answer.

"Then go and fetch some."

Off rushed the manager and the stage manager together, and B—was left with the patient.

"Suddenly she opened her eyes and smiled."

"Doctor," she said, "you are a good fellow, aren't you?"

"Yes, ma'amselle."

"You must be, doctor. Now, listen. There is nothing the matter with me. You would have found out soon. I want a couple of days' holiday. Can't you manage it?"

"Delighted," he replied, joyfully.

"Now, ma'amselle, you're a good sort, too. I'm not a doctor. I came in on the doctor's ticket, so you must not give me away."

By this time the manager and stage manager came back, each with a bottle of eau de cologne.

He told them it was unnecessary now; the lady was quite composed, and could appear without any danger.

But she must have a few days' rest. They made wry faces, but granted the holiday.

The Hon. Ben Tillman has been engaged for the Chautauqua lecture course again. It is puzzling to understand why the Chautauqua people discriminate against the Hon. John L. Sullivan.



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It has been said that the Yazoo Delta in Mississippi, if cultivated to its full capacity, would produce as much cotton as is now raised in the United States. A company has been formed and imported to carry on model farming in the Delta. It is capitalized at \$450,000, with shares at \$1,000 each. The capital stock may be increased at will. The names of the incorporators is an evidence that they mean business. The concern is organized by president Stuyvesant Fish, Vice President J. C. Welling, General manager Harrah, Vice President Wallace, John Jacob Astor and other prominent officials of the Illinois Central and New Yorkers who propose to make the experiment. It is understood that the promoters will erect a cotton oil mill and also a large cotton factory, and will own and manage their own gins and compressing plants. The outcome of the experiment is being awaited with much interest in the Delta, owing to the prominence of the stock holders. Cotton can be produced cheaper by a trust with a large capital and labor saving appliances than by individual effort on a small farm, just as it has been demonstrated that the small manufacturers cannot compete with the big combinations. The manufacturing interests have all been gobled and it is now up to

the millionaires to exploit agriculture. Trust farming will mean the extinction of nine-tenths of the cotton growers' trust. Such is the inevitable future of the white farmer of the South unless the trust is given its final quietus.

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A woman seems to have an idea that if only her husband will put on slippers when he goes to the bathroom a burglar could shoot at him and not hit him.

"How do you spell needle, Bobby?" asked the teacher.

"N-e-e-l-d-l-e, needle," was the reply.

"Wrong," said the teacher; "there is no 'l' in needle."

"Well, then, tain't a good needle."



SCROFULA

I bequeath to my children Scrofula with all its attendant horrors, humiliation and suffering. This is a strange legacy to leave to posterity; a heavy burden to place upon the shoulders of the young.

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